

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In response to the Office Action of June 29, 2004, Applicant has: (1) canceled Claims 1-15; (2) rewritten Claim 14 (as new Claims 16) as an independent claim to include the limitations of Claim 13; and (3) rewritten Claim 15 (as new Claims 17) to depend from Claim 16.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner has indicated that the subject matter contained in Claim 14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has rewritten Claim 14 in independent form as new Claim 16. Applicant respectfully submits that New Claim 16 is allowable because it includes all the limitations of Claims 13 and 14.

Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that this response places Applicant's application in condition for allowance, and therefore further and favorable action on this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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